

**House File 598 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a restrictive  
2 behavioral interventions task force.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of education shall convene a task force  
3 on the use of restrictive procedures, including seclusion, on  
4 students in Iowa's school districts. The task force shall,  
5 at a minimum, review the department's administrative rules  
6 and guidance relating to physical confinement, detention, and  
7 physical restraint; data on how often restrictive procedures  
8 are used in Iowa's school districts and the circumstances that  
9 lead to such use; whether or not the students on whom such  
10 procedures are used have an individualized education program;  
11 the students' ages and other data useful in identifying risk  
12 factors within the student population affected; positive,  
13 evidence-based behavioral interventions and procedures;  
14 and schoolwide evidence-based training programs and support  
15 relating to conflict prevention and management. The task  
16 force shall recommend changes relating to the department's  
17 administrative rules, guidance, and the Code of Iowa as  
18 appropriate.

19 2. The voting members of the task force shall consist  
20 of education stakeholders, including but not limited to two  
21 parents, one of whom shall be the parent of a child with an  
22 individualized education program.

23 3. In addition to the voting members of the task force,  
24 the membership shall include four legislators as ex officio,  
25 nonvoting members. The members shall be appointed as follows:

26 a. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed  
27 by the majority leader of the senate and one of whom shall  
28 be appointed by the majority leader of the senate after  
29 consultation with the minority leader of the senate.

30 b. Two members of the house of representatives, one of  
31 whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one  
32 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house after  
33 consultation with the minority leader of the house.

34 4. The task force shall submit its findings and  
35 recommendations to the general assembly by January 15, 2018.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This bill directs the department of education to convene  
5 a task force on the use of restrictive procedures, including  
6 seclusion, on students in Iowa's school districts. The task  
7 force shall, at a minimum, review the department's rules and  
8 guidance relating to physical confinement, detention, and  
9 physical restraint; data on the use of restrictive procedures  
10 and the circumstances that lead to such use; data useful  
11 in identifying risk factors within the student population  
12 affected; positive, evidence-based behavioral interventions and  
13 procedures; and schoolwide evidence-based training programs and  
14 support relating to conflict prevention and management.

15 The voting members of the task force shall consist of  
16 education stakeholders, including but not limited to two  
17 parents, one of whom shall be the parent of a child with an  
18 individualized education program. There shall also be four ex  
19 officio, nonvoting legislative members. The task force shall  
20 submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly  
21 by January 15, 2018.